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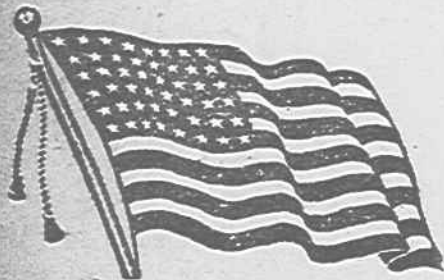
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Then join in hands, brave Americans all,  
By uniting we stand, by dividing we fall.

## RUSSIA'S POSITION.

THE newest Russian government is reported to have denounced the treaty of Brest-Litovsk and declared an intention to press for a new convention which would leave Esthonia under Russian control. By this time the "newest" Russian government may have gone the way of other Russian governments, including that of the Romanoffs, which lasted for quite a long while even as governments go. Moreover no government that can be set up in Russia now is capable of securing the slightest attention from the government at Berlin. Yet the incident is not without interest and a certain importance.

It indicates for instance, that the Russians are as fully alive as any one to the shameful nature of the "peace" of Brest-Litovsk, and that means that when the time is ripe Germany will either have to fight anew for the territory and advantages which were stolen from the Russians at that time or renounce them.

Also it means that when the military situation does begin to go against the Germans it will begin to slide with frightful rapidity upon all fronts at practically the same time. The world has been full of horror since the great war began, but it does not take much imagination to realize that there are possibilities along that line which would put anything that has occurred so far into the background.

## MISSOURI'S VACANT SENATORSHIP.

JUDGE GRAVES has declined to exchange his position on the Supreme bench of Missouri for the seat in the United States Senate made vacant by the death of William J. Stone and for the fourth time Governor Gardner is seeking for some one big enough to be a credit to the state to offer it to.

It is not often that a seat in the United States Senate goes begging and the reasons for the present unusual situation merit more study than we imagine they will get. Usually Senate seats are schemed for years in advance, and the possibility of filling one has impelled many a man to give up a successful money making career to take it, even though he knew he could not live on a sum three times as large as the salary.

Doubtless there are men right in Missouri now who would like to have this post which has already been three times declined. But the situation as it presents itself to Governor Gardner is not exactly usual and it is possible that he will not be satisfied with the kind of a man eager to take the appointment if he can get the kind of a man he wants, and the men to whom he has so far offered the honor certainly would be a credit to any one of the states.

At all events the country will watch with sympathetic interest the efforts of the governor to find a man worthy to fill a position which was once occupied by Thomas Hart Benton, Carl Schurz and George C. Vest. A state which in the ordinary course of events will have to put

up with Jim Reed in the senate until 1921 is entitled to a first class man in the other seat.

## GERMANY'S LIARS.

It is not at all surprising to learn that cunning German agents managed to circulate false reports of an alarming nature among the American troops as they were waiting somewhere on the great battlefield of Northern France for their turn on the front line. In spite of their two million admitted losses and the perfection of their military might their liars have won them more victories than their armies, and they are far too eager for ultimate triumph to neglect such a weapon. It was their liars who brought them success in the east and it was their liars who produced the Italian disaster of last year. It was their liars both in the Berlin foreign office and throughout this country who kept the United States out of the war for almost two years. As compared with that record the work of the famed General staff, the huge howitzers and the docile infantry appears rather commonplace and unimportant. And it is.

Consequently the German liar will be kept at his work until the war ends, although it is fair to assume that his efforts will grow less and less effective as the knowledge of his activities spreads throughout the world, and especially through the armies that face the Germans on the battlefields of Europe.

But in spite of the effectiveness of this method of carrying on war it is hard to account for it on such a large scale in this day and age. The General staff which systematized and perfected it must be essentially contemptible and rotten at both head and heart, or the world would have been spared this exhibition of villainess. It surely was not learned through study of the strategy of the Romans, the military history of which world power has had a pronounced effect upon thought currents in Germany. The inspiration certainly did not come from contemplation of the careers of Alexander the Great and the other towering military geniuses whose example the kaiser says profoundly influenced him. Precedents might be found in Byzantine or Persian military history, but it is hard to understand how any people seeking world dominion would want to follow such luckless footsteps.

At all events Germany deserves the retribution which inexorable fate provided for those mighty but thoroughly rotten powers, and it is altogether possible that it will get it unless the German people do something to purge the race of the moral blight which has come upon it.

At the rate they traveled yesterday it will be a long time before the Germans get to the channel ports and there will not be many of them left if they do get there.

Geological Survey estimates are to the effect that there was an increase of 3.4 per cent increase in the production of bituminous coal during the week which ended April 27. This is not a large increase, but it is important because it tends to show that since the troublesome dispute over railroad fuel has been settled the coal industry is getting itself together. In a very few weeks, we feel sure, the improvement in the situation will be pronounced and the fears for a repetition of last winter's fuel famine will disappear. Of course only maximum production from now out could make the fuel situation satisfactory, but conditions are decidedly easier.

At yesterday's meeting the County Council of Defense recommended that every one in the county either

plant a war garden or help some other person plant one between May 10 and May 15. Many people will be induced by this action to do some gardening work, but in order to give the garden movement a really effective boost the community councils ought to take the matter up and appoint some one day for their communities and then see to it that the movement is well advertised. In that way dozens of gardens that never would have been planted will get a start and every one will be induced to take an interest in the movement.

Germany wants to exchange prisoners with Russia on a basis which would give Germany all the able bodied Germans in Russia and the Russians the care of the sick, wounded and ineffective of both nations. That gives one a chance to get a line on the subservience of the German people to their military masters. No other government on earth could propose to abandon its wounded and sick in this fashion and expect to last a day after the home people found it out.

We now know positively that American troops are in the battle lines somewhere in northern France. This news comes a long time after the official announcement that they had started for the front and the fact that this is so is an indication that the Commander in Chief of the Allied forces does not consider the situation particularly desperate. Every little scrap of information we have indicates that the situation is well in hand over there and that the territorial gains the Germans have been making have not been of such a character as to force the hand of the Allies.

## SHORT AND SNAPPY

Elkins is for party harmony; Highland is for party harmony, and so are we all—with honor.—Kanawha News.

## What People Say and Some Side Remarks

L. C. Oyster, the Lumberport merchant, wrote an article for the April issue of "The Grand Rapids Furniture Record" in which he told how Hedges & Oyster sold 65 kitchen cabinets in a town of 1200 which is looked upon as a remarkable mercantile accomplishment for so small a place. Mr. Oyster's enterprise gets Lumberport lots of advertising. He says:

"We are putting all the letters from a distance and trade journal in a scrap book for our children to read—that is when we get them (the children) not the letters."

Mr. Oyster is a bachelor.

Mr. Oyster emphasizes that the well known magazines do not circulate largely in small towns, in this article, observing:

"I do not believe that more than ten families in Lumberport read regularly one of the largest weeklies published."

Mr. Oyster probably refers to the Saturday Evening Post.

## Editorial Comment on Current Subjects

MR. HUGHES' ADVICE TO CONGRESS.

From the New York World.  
In three sentences Mr. Hughes addressing the American newspaper publishers, summarized admirably the situation as to sedition and the means needed to check it.

Our judicial processes have not yet broken down and we still have confidence in their adequacy to punish treason and sedition. The effective prosecution of the war involves of necessity certain restrictions in our accustomed freedom.

Congress has ample authority to provide for the punishment of seditious utterances as well as seditious acts.

There has been no failure of the civil courts in the prosecution of sedition except as the law or the evidence has been found deficient. A request by the Department of Justice for new legislation has been resisted because there was an unwillingness in Congress to restrict our accustomed freedom. In opposition to those who are afraid to enact any law, it has been proposed that military tribunaries be established everywhere the Federal judiciary cast aside the Bill of Rights and disregard the Constitution nullified.

How and why there should have been so much controversy over a matter so important to national welfare is a mystery, but Mr. Hughes' statement of the case ought to help restore reason.

## OUR FIGHTING CHAPLAINS.

From the Pittsburgh Gazette Times.  
The Rev. J. J. Farrell is the first American minister to enter the distinguished class of fighting chaplains, so far as the information from the front permits us to judge. Father Farrell went to the assistance of a battery in the battle of Selcheprey, carried up ammunition and helped keep the guns working all night. He had refused medical care until he had carried a 13-year-old Connecticut Yankee to a dressing station. Father Farrell is of the fiber that compels the soldiers' deepest respect for religion and religious workers and showed in the extreme degree the noble spirit that must actuate all pastors who leave their normal spheres and follow the colors. His performance is striking evidence of what we already knew but had not dwelt on much, that the essential moral support of the Christian religion will be with our forces right up to the edge of No Man's Land and will go with them there no matter how thick the rain of shells. Before the war is over we shall have many other instances of chaplains' courage, so it is most gratifying to record such devotion as Father Farrell's as the first.

## McComas Talks of Deep Ploughing

Deep ploughing is advocated by W. E. McComas, county farm agent, but he does not think that it is wise to be too radical in this course, however. This deep ploughing should be along gradual stages so that too much of the sub soil is not turned up at one time to interfere with the production of crops. Probably an inch deeper would be beneficial each year until the proper depth is reached. Of course the depth of ploughing is governed by the type of the soil.

French chemists make an artificial oil of geranium from phenol for perfuming soap.

## Scoffers and Doubters

Why Let Prejudice Blind You to a Life of Rheumatic Torture?

Be fair to yourself, you sufferer from rheumatism, no matter what form. Go to Mountain City Drug Co. or any good druggist and get a package of Rheuma, the guaranteed prescription. Use the entire bottle and if you don't think it has given you quick and sure relief, say so, and you can have your money back.

Isn't that a fair offer? Can you see any deceit or red tape about it? What chance do you take? Absolutely none.

Then get a bottle of Rheuma today. It's a reputable physician's prescription, altogether different from remedies usually prescribed, free from narcotics, and perfectly harmless. Rheuma acts on the kidneys and helps to force the uric acid from the swollen joints and other lodging places. It pleases you in a day; it makes you hopeful and happy in a week. It has released from bondage rheumatic sufferers who thought nothing would give relief. It should do as much for you—it seldom fails.

Don't miss this money-back offer. A large bottle, sufficient for two weeks' treatment is inexpensive.

April 30, 1918.

COURTNEYS' STORE NEWS

Reliable Advertising

## A High Standard Of Quality—Always! And Prices That Speak Louder Than Words

Our patrons need have no misgivings about the quality of anything we sell, for we consider "quality" a strong bulwark of our business policy.

In this store quality will never be lowered that price may be lowered also in order to make a so-called bargain. If our prices look low you may be certain that they are low not because quality has been tampered with but because with our purchasing power combined with what we hold to be a patriotic "drive against rising prices" we are consistent in maintaining our prices normal even in the face of rising costs. The "Quality" is always exactly what it ought to be to make an honest value.

## Pretty, Neat Gingham Dresses

that bring real comfort to the wearer. These are not house dresses, but nice enough for street wear.

Plain and plaid, trimmed, with white pique collars and cuffs, they are attractively belted with belts of patent leather and kid. For morning wear, work in the yard or garden, etc. Several of such dresses would not be amiss.

\$4.85 and \$5.00



## "Over the Top" with a Petticoat Value

That surpasses any of its kind. The Courtney special Snug-Fit Adjustable Silk Taffeta Petticoats

\$3.95

These constitute a value that any store would be honestly entitled to sell for more than \$5.00.

Then Note Our Price \$3.95.

Those with petticoats to buy, now or in the future, will be quick to seize and realize the wonderful saving afforded by this exceptional offer. And please note these are all new stock received only last Saturday. Right here is a chance to save enough to purchase several War Savings Stamps.

In good quality taffeta in the leading shades of grey, green, rose khaki, black, changeable, etc. Finished with the fascinating ruffles, both plaited and fluted, that give the charming effect without a thought of fullness. Just the right colors to harmonize with your suit and stockings.

## The Rough Straw Sailor Is In Keeping With the

seasonable clothes of the present season and what could be more durable and appropriate to wear with the waists and skirts and gingham dresses that are in such demand. Rough straw sailors in many colors

\$2.50 and \$3.75.

Also white sailors and a complete line of cushion brim plain millan sailors that are most attractive.

\$3.75 to \$8.50.



## World Woodmen Buy \$1500 in Bonds

At last night's meeting of White Oak Camp, 20, Woodmen of the World, \$1,500 worth of Liberty bonds were subscribed to. Stirring patriotic addresses were delivered by Attorneys Harry Shaw and A. J. Kern.

The following members subscribed to bonds: Harry Shaw, \$100; David C. Baker, \$50; Howard Metz, \$50; L. D. Snider, \$100; Sylvester Wilson, \$50; H. T. Jones, \$50; J. C. Phillips, \$100; Charles E. Moore, \$50; W. C. Daugherty, \$50; N. E. Nichols, \$50; Leslie Boggess, \$100; C. A. Carpenter, \$50; E. G. Prichard, \$50; Bruce Morgan, \$100; S. F. Este, \$50; Oscar Moore, \$50; W. W. Knight, \$50; O. E. Poling, \$50; DeLloyd Phillips, \$50; J. D. Radford, \$50; J. W. Snowden, \$50; Alex. Thorn, \$50; H. R. Jones, \$50; A. J. Kern, \$50; Basil Rudy, \$50.

At the close of the bond meeting a class of candidates was initiated and a social session followed. Fifty members were present.

## ANOTHER FOR MOUNTAINEERS

An error by Ross and a single by Wilcox and a long three base hit by Rodgers netted West Virginia two runs which defeated the strong Dartmouth nine at Hanover, N. H. yesterday by a 2-0 score. The winning runs came in the seventh and after this inning neither team was able to score again. The work of both Harris and Lettner was commendable.

For heating small rooms a gas wall radiator resembling the usual hot air affair, has been invented.

An Alabama inventor's device to support invalids in bed closely resembles the back arms of a chair.

## YOUTH! YOUTH! YOUTH!

—The Best Part of a Woman's Life—  
Why Should it Vanish So Quickly?

Don't let your youth go! And above all, don't lose your youthful appearance through old-fashioned prejudice. Women who a few years ago scorned the use of face powders or cosmetics, now depend on them to keep a youthful appearance. And this is equally true of the hair color restorer. Constantly more and more women are using Q-ban Hair Color Restorer to keep their hair dark and glossy and free from gray.

Q-ban is not a dye. This you can prove by trying it on your combs. Dyes stain them instantly but Q-ban has no immediate effect. Q-ban is simply a delightful toilet requisite for restoring the natural color of the hair.

Q-ban does not stain the scalp, wash or rub off or prevent washing or waving the hair. Easily applied by brushing or combing through the hair.

Sold by all good druggists everywhere on Money-Back Guarantee. Price 75c.

## Bumstead's Worm Syrup

A safe and sure remedy for worms. Stood the test for 50 years. IT NEVER FAILS. To children it is an angel of mercy. PLEASANT TO TAKE. NO SICKNESS. NO PAIN. One bottle has killed 120 worms. An drug-store and get a sample or by mail. 25c. Bot. Est. C. A. VOORHEES, D. C., Va., Pa.

## PHAROAH'S RUN

Miss Elsie Rice and Mrs. Silas Smith entertained at a farewell party Saturday evening in honor of Miss Vidalee Pierson who left for her home at Sutton the latter part of the week. Those present were Mrs. Will Smith and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Rice and two daughters, Mrs. Silas Smith, Misses Jessie and Thelma Smith, Elsie and Emma Rice, Leah Straight, Vidalee Pierson, Messrs. Joseph Straight, Willie Baker, Arthur Hout, Guy Morris, Ruchel Smith, Davy Hout, Hough Straight, Russell Michael, Carl Williams.

Jesse Rice was at Fairmont Thursday on business.

Mrs. Will Smith visited her parents at Bellview from Monday until Wednesday.

Miss Cora Valentine and little niece Virgil were visiting at Jesse Rice's Thursday.

Roy Coogee and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Smith.

Mrs. Dave Ingles and daughter Silva spent Wednesday at Fairmont.

Ollie Williams of Fairmont was visiting her parents for several days.

Misses Emma Rice, Marjorie Hood and Grace Smith of Rivesville spent Sunday afternoon at J. C. Rice's.

Miss Elsie Rice is staying with Claud Wilson at Royal.

Those who spent Saturday evening at James Smith's were Lute Smith, Georgia Rice, Ruchel Smith, Davy and Arthur Hout, Willie Baker and Joseph Straight and Jessie Rice.

Miss Georgia Baker of Fairmont

spent Saturday and Sunday with her mother Mrs. Lizzie Baker.

Harry King of Bellview spent Sunday with Mr. Will Smith.

Mrs. Clara Smith and children Virgil and Johnnie and Pearl spent Sunday at C. B. Keefe's.

Jesse Rice was visiting at Ashby Valentine's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Eddy were visiting the former's parents Mr. Nelson Eddy Sunday.

## RUFF STUFF

Put a ring around May 10 on your calendar.

County Council of Defense wants you to plant a garden in the five day period following.

Better do it now.

Old Highcrown has his eye on you.

And he's a fearsome beast.

But folks with war gardens will not need to be afraid of him.

The Tents seem to have stubbed their toes yesterday.

They are finding it is a much longer road to Boulogne than it is to Tipperary.

And thousands of them are not going to come back.

Before we forget it we want to say that we spotted those straw lids Saturday.

There ought to be a law against these sooners.

Guys who are doing their darnedest to buy bonds and thrift stamps can't afford to have the hay hat season rushed.

Unless, of course, the lids are going to be in style this year.

How would it do to start a society for the encouragement of wearing old lids?

Jwalter might be induced to make it a special committee of the County Council of Defense.

If it got by it might encourage the owners of old Palm Beach suits to try them upon the public again this year.

If you haven't got a bond you'll have to step lively.

Only a few more days left.

And you know what you'll be if you do not have one before the bell rings.

Most any one who is worth his or her salt can buy a bond.

Have you been noticing the speed of that Mountaineer ball team?

Certainly goes a long way toward removing the bad impression that basketball crowd left.

## MONONGAH

In Buckhannon.

Mrs. L. E. Bee, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Evans and Mrs. Lee N. Satterfield have returned from Buckhannon where they were attending a branch meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary society.

Monongah Dokies.

Several Dokies from Monongah were in Fairmont yesterday evening taking part in the Dokie celebration in

that city. Among the Monongah Dokies attending were John Gregory, Col. C. A. Honaker, Emory Morris, Clyde Satterfield, Albert Robey.

Visiting Here.

John F. Pierpont, accompanied by his son, Kenneth Pierpont, of Harrisville, W. Va., has been in Monongah visiting his daughter, Mrs. Lee N. Satterfield.

Personals.

Mrs. H. B. Honaker was among the Monongah callers in Fairmont yesterday.

John Trotto, of Fairmont, was in Monongah Sunday calling on friends.

E. E. Orr was in Fairmont during the week end.

Morris Silverman was in Fairmont yesterday evening calling on friends.